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SUBJECT: LATEST TAKE OVER DEVELOPMENTS

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1. DURING STAY IN GOMA I HAD CONVERSATION WITH COMM DU PEUPLE
PALUKU ON FEBRUARY NINETEEN. PALUKU HAS TAKEN OVER SEVERAL ENTERPRISES

IN NORTH KIVU INCLUDING TRANSPORTS ET MESSAGERS DU KIVU (TMK),
WHERE HE WAS FORMERLY FIFTY-FIFTY PARTNER WITH ESSELEN, HONORARY
BELGIAN CONSUL, AND FIDUCAIRE DU KIVU (FORMER OWNER, BUCHET,
A BELGIAN) WHICH PERFORMS ACCOUNTING, TAX ADVICE AND OTHER MANAGEMENT
SERVICES FOR LARGE NUMBER OF PLANTATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESSES.
PALUKU HAS ALSO RECENTLY OPENED NEW RPT NEW RETAIN STORE IN
BUKAVU. HE FURTHER OWNS COFFEE FACTORIES IN GOMA, BUTEMBO AND
KINSHASA AND HAS EXTENSIVE COFFEE PLANTATIONS.

2. PALUKU IS ASSUMING BOTH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF ENTERPRISES
HE IS TAKING OVER. WHEN I SUGGESTED THAT THE COMM DU REGION
NDEBO HAD SUGGESTED A DIFFERENT APPROACH (REFTEL-PARA ONE),
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PALUKU REPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISION OF

NAT. EXEC. COUNCIL ON TAKE OVER POLICY.

3. I THEN ASKED IF AUTHORITIES IN KINSHASA WERE AWARE OF INTERPRETATION BEING PUT OUT BY NDEBO. PALUKU INDICATED THEY WERE AU COURANT AND THAT REMEDIAL ACTION WAS EXPECTED SHORTLY INSISTING THAT LIABILITIES BE ASSUMED AS WELL AS ASSETS.

4. ONC IN GOMA INSTRUCTED BANKS FEBRUARY NINETEEN TO CREDIT ONC WITH AMOUNTS IN ACCOUNTS OF ALL PLANTERS THEY HAVE NOW TAKEN OVER. SIMULTANEOUSLY, ONC INDICATED THAT SEPARATE QTE LOAN ACCOUNTS UNQTE THROUGH WHICH BANKS EXTEND CREDIT TO PLANTERS SOULD REMAIN A LIABILITY FO THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM GRANTED. BANQUE COMM. ZAIR, AND UNION ZAIR. DE BANQUES HAVE REFUSED TO DO THIS PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR HEADQUARTERS. WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW IF THIS POLICY WAS ESTABLISHED BY ONC KINSHASA.

5. WIFE OF NDEBO HAS TAKEN OVER LARGE RETAIL-WHOLESALE BUSINESS IN GOMA.

6. NDEBO HAS ALSO STATED THAT BEFORE LEAVING ZAIRE FOREIGNERS MUST PRESENT LETTERS INDICATING : (1) ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL; (2) NO DEBTS OUTSTANDING TO BANKS; AND (3) NO DEBTS OUTSTANDING TO SUPPLIERS. ONE INDIAN WAS TAKEN OFF GOMA-KINSHASA FLIGHT BECAUSE HE HAD NOT OBTAINED ALL NECESSARY LETTERS.

COMMENT: I WONDER WHETHER REQUIREMENTS PARA SIX ARE NOT ANOTHER NDEBO QTE INTERPRETATION UNQTE EXCEEDING KINSHASA'S INTENTIONS. IF THE FEB 28 DATE FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF FOREIGNERS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY STILL HOLDS, IT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS. UNDERSTAND 1973 TAX BILLS NOT YET AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION IN KIVU. LOVING.

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